

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of creating partitions in a removable device capable of accepting a removable media, said method being characterized by:  
communicating between an operating system and a device driver in a computer system capable of connecting with a removable device; and  
allocating drive letters in number equal to a number of plural drives to a single unit of said removable device, when said device driver allocates drive letters to said operating system when said removable media is both loaded in and unloaded from said removable device.
  2. (Original) The method of creating partitions in a removable device according to claim 1, wherein the number of said drives is equal to a maximum number of partitions supported by said operating system.
  3. (Original) The method of creating partitions in a removable device according to claim 2, wherein:  
said drive letters allocated to the single unit of said removable device remain valid until being reallocated again; and  
a number of drive letters derived by subtracting a number of partitions on a medium within said removable device from the number of said drive letters is recognized as being absence of any medium.
  4. (Original) The method of creating partitions in a removable device according to claim 1, wherein said drive letters comprise arbitrary characters allocated by an operator.
  5. (Original) A medium having a program recorded therein for creating a plurality of partitions in the removable device as recited in claim 1.